

How to manage God's resources

Luke 12:42-49



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God seeks
His interest
in our needs.



The parable of talents gives an account of a master who goes on a journey, leaving his servants with talents according to their abilities.

Looking at the parable, we see how relevant and applicable it is to us today. Firstly, we see that we have all been called to a purpose. The beauty in this is that God equips us with what will be needed! To everyone, He gives according to their ability, so He is fair in how He distributes things. He is the distributor of resources.

There are three main purposes for which He avails resources: for you, others, and Himself. Our resources are all different and specific

to our abilities and calling. Most times, we tend to minimize what we have, and as a result, we end up complaining and comparing because we feel that the next person has better than what we do. That, in turn, builds up to frustration or feeling inferior.

We shouldn't be overcome by that feeling because God knows the ability beyond the gift. So when we feel shaky or feel like our resources or gift are insignificant, we should go back to Him. He can reveal and direct us in using our resources and gifts effectively and efficiently. Otherwise, we end up thinking that God is unfair and neglect what we have.



God is fair! What He gives you, He knows you can handle and multiply it! Luke 12:42-49 shows us how important it is to know your master! The master has a will; God has a will, and with what He has given us, He expects us to use it according to His will. Furthermore, it's not enough to know it but act on it!

There is a way to manage God's resources; He is not careless in His distribution, and neither should we be in our handling. Firstly, acknowledge God as a giver! When we take the glory for what we have, we begin to mismanage what's in our possession, therefore lacking discipline. What makes one disciplined is accountability, which is achieved by acknowledging that God is the giver.

When we acknowledge God, we become humble. We did not create all that we have; we are just receivers (see 1 Corinthians 4:7).

The second way to manage God's resources is to add value to what He has given. God gives us so that we can add value. The talents, abilities, connections, etc., are not for us to stare at and admire but to add value. We can also learn from those who are better managers of their resources because they can guide us as they've passed through this road before.

Thirdly, stay content and focus on what you have and not what you don't have. Everyone is accountable to God in proportion to what they've received. So, explore and invest in what you have so that tangible results can be seen and that there's a rapport for the master when He returns.

Lastly, take risks! Living a life of fear or the "what if it goes wrong" mentality only limits you! In the kingdom of God, you don't lose because He makes ALL things work together for our good (Romans 8:28). Risking with God cancels the possibility of failure. Therefore, don't play it safe all the time! It is ok to make mistakes and learn from them. When you are too wise in your own eyes, you set up your own righteousness, leading you to miss God and become frustrated! Don't be too wise in your own eyes (Ecclesiastes 11:4-6).

The one thing you have to be sure about is the Spirit of God. He is present to guide and lead you. Lean on Him because He is available for you.

Reference verse:

1 Corinthians 15:10

